

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Montpelier, Vermont**

TEAM: Finance

ITEM: Will the State Board of Education grant approval to Application C-474 for school construction aid from the Harwood Union School District for a wood chip heating system project at the Harwood Union High School?

RECOMMENDED ACTION: That the State Board of Education grant approval of application C-474 for school construction aid from the Harwood Union School District for a wood chip heating system project at the Harwood Union High School.

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Title 16, V.S.A. §§3447-3450, as amended

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

1. The school district has submitted to the Department of Education an application for construction aid in compliance with State Board Rules 6100 et. seq., on February 11, 2008.
2. The project consists of installing a wood chip heating system and the construction of a building to house the system.
3. Plans for this project were prepared by Alan Brown, Architect, Dore & Whittier, Inc., South Burlington, Vermont.
4. The plans and permits for this project have been approved by the Department of Public Safety and the Agency of Natural Resources.
5. The project fulfills a need as defined by Title 16 §3448.

COST IMPLICATIONS:

1. The Harwood Union School District voted on 11/7/06 to approve the total estimated cost of \$1,681,144.
2. The estimated construction aid for this project is \$1,513,029.

STAFF AVAILABLE: Cathy Hilgendorf, School Construction Consultant
Cassandra Ryan, Admin. Asst. School Construction
Bill Talbott, CFO

Certificate of Award
V.S.A., Title 16, §3448

To the Commissioner of Finance:

I hereby certify that the school districts named below have met the requirements of the State Board of Education pursuant to Title 16, V.S.A., §3447 and are now eligible to receive school building aid award under Title 16, V.S.A., §3448 upon availability of funds.

<u>Project Number</u>	<u>School District</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ESTIMATED AWARD		
C-474	Harwood UHSD	\$1,513,029

EMERGENCY AWARD UNDER \$100,000
APPROVED BY COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

C-475	Wilmington School District	\$ 13,942
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Tom James, Chair
Vermont State Board of Education
March 18, 2008